

FREDERICK COUNTY FY2021 POS ANNUAL PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Frederick County begins the POS Annual Program process by splitting both acquisition and development funding 50/50 between municipal and county projects. The municipalities submitted completed annual program forms to the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation Office (See attached sample blank form). The annual program forms and a summary are forwarded to a municipal ad hoc committee composed of elected officials. By way of a Webex meeting on May 28, 2020, the municipal leaders voted to allocate funding to the projects as noted on the attached sheet indicating the approved funding allocations for the municipalities.

County staff utilizes the information from the annual program forms and the funding priorities to complete the municipal portion of the Annual Program. Since Frederick County normally executes much larger projects it usually allocates all of its share to partially fund an acquisition project and/or a development project. These projects are generally designated as top priorities in its Capital Improvements Program (CIP). All figures shown include FY2021 funds.

Frederick County Staff completed and presented the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on June 2017. Based on the Park Proximity Analysis found on page 27 of the LPPRP, Frederick County has not met its local land acquisition goal. Due to this, Frederick County must dedicate a minimum of 50% of the FY2021 POS allocation towards parkland acquisition projects, with the remainder available for park development projects. In addition, FY2021 Park Development Projects will only be eligible for 75% of the final construction costs, in accordance with POS statute,

All of the FY2021 Annual Program projects address the following policies and meet the needs of the 2017 LPPRP in varying degrees:

- Develop the County's park system with a balance of active parks that focus on a variety of recreational uses and passive parks that focus on less intensive uses such as trails, picnicking, historic preservation or natural resource protection.
- Consider stream corridors within community growth areas for development as public linear parks to allow for greenway/trail linkages both within and between community growth areas.
- Development of parks in a manner that is sensitive to and protective of natural resource and environmentally sensitive features.
- Coordinate with the municipalities in the provision of park and recreation facilities.
- Develop parks in a manner that prioritizes the preservation of archaeological and historic sites and structures.
- Integrate community parks into community growth areas to maximize bicycle and pedestrian access, and enhance community identity.
- Prioritize funding to accommodate land acquisition for land banking of new sites, and for the expansion of existing parks.
- To the extent feasible, distribute public facilities and services throughout the County on a local, regional or centralized basis.
- Maintain adequacy of public facilities and services relative to existing and projected targeted population.

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Location of projects with respect to municipalities and Priority Funding Areas (PFA)

The following projects are located within municipalities or a PFA:

- New Market Park Property Acquisition
- Brunswick East Potomac Street Park Re-Development Phase II
- Burkittsville Guyton Scenic View Park Roof Replacement
- Emmitsburg Community Park Mini Picnic Pavilions
- Middletown Remsburg Park Public Water & Sewer
- Middletown Remsburg Park New Bleachers
- Middletown Wiles Branch Park Pickle Ball Courts
- Myersville Harp Park Athletic Field Conversion
- Myersville Grindstone Run Park Tot Lot
- Thurmont Eyler Road Park Multi Use Building
- Thurmont East End Park Baseball/Softball Field
- Thurmont Woodland Park Playground Upgrades
- Walkersville Community & Heritage Farm Park Improvements
- Woodsboro Regional Park Basketball Court Rehabilitation

The following project is near a PFA:

- Othello Regional Park Development – Phase I

The following project's proximity to a PFA is unknown:

- Frederick County Unallocated Acquisition

**FY2021 AVAILABLE POS ANNUAL PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATIONS  
MUNICIPALITIES**

**Funding Summary (Pending State Budget Approval)**

FY2021 POS Allocation	1,275,610			
Total Funding Available in FY2021	1,275,610	Municipal POS Allocation	<b>637,805</b>	(50% of 1,275,610)
		Development:	<b>318,902</b>	(50% of 637,805)
		Acquisition:	<b>318,903</b>	(50% of 637,805)
		Unallocated Acquisition:	<b>2,906</b>	(from FY2019)

<u>Acquisition</u>	Approved Funding	Requested Funding	Total Cost
Mount Airy Rigler Property Acquisition	0	315,646	680,000
New Market Park Property Acquisition	321,809	394,500	394,500
Thurmont Catactin Heights Park Site	0	25,000	25,000
<b>Total Acquisition</b>	<b>321,809</b>	<b>735,146</b>	<b>1,099,500</b>

Development

Brunswick East Potomac Street Park Re-Development Phase II	37,500	37,500	50,000
<i>Brunswick Total</i>	<u>37,500</u>	<u>37,500</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Burkittsville Guyton Scenic View Park Roof Replacement	6,000	6,000	8,000
<i>Burkittsville Total</i>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Emmitsburg Community Park Mini Picnic Pavilions	30,750	30,750	41,000
<i>Emmitsburg Total</i>	<u>30,750</u>	<u>30,750</u>	<u>41,000</u>
Middletown Remsburg Park Public Water & Sewer	15,372	131,250	175,000
Middletown Remsburg Park New Bleachers	11,250	11,250	15,000
Middletown Wiles Branch Park Pickle Ball Courts	21,263	21,263	28,350
<i>Middletown Total</i>	<u>47,885</u>	<u>163,763</u>	<u>218,350</u>
Myersville Harp Park Athletic Field Conversion	22,500	22,500	30,000
Myersville Grindstone Run Park Tot Lot	37,500	37,500	50,000
<i>Myersville Total</i>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Thurmont Eyler Road Park Multi-Use Building	54,375	54,375	72,500
Thurmont East End Park Baseball/Softball Field	15,371	176,250	235,000
Thurmont Woodland Park Playground Upgrades	30,000	30,000	40,000
<i>Thurmont Total</i>	<u>99,746</u>	<u>260,625</u>	<u>347,500</u>
Walkersville Community & Heritage Farm Park Improvements	18,271	18,271	24,362
<i>Walkersville Total</i>	<u>18,271</u>	<u>18,271</u>	<u>24,362</u>
Woodsboro Regional Park Basketball Court Rehabilitation	18,750	18,750	25,000
<i>Woodsboro Total</i>	<u>18,750</u>	<u>18,750</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total Development</b>	<b>318,902</b>	<b>595,659</b>	<b>794,212</b>
<b>Total Acquisition and Development</b>	<b>640,711</b>	<b>1,330,805</b>	<b>1,893,712</b>

**POS ANNUAL PROGRAM  
PROJECT INFORMATION FORM**

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROJ. COORD. \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT LOCATION:

TYPE:

ACERAGE:

PRIORITY:

Acquisition

Existing: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_



Development

Existing: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNDING: State POS: \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ %) Local: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Annual Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION:

SUB-PHASES DESCRIPTION: (Include estimated cost breakdown)

ANTICIPATED FUTURE PHASES: (Include estimated costs if known)

OTHER INFORMATION:

## Program Open Space Annual Program for Acquisition Fiscal Year 2021

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State POS Funds	Federal
Name of Municipal	Found on Project Information Form							
Frederick County	<p><u>Frederick County Unallocated Acquisition</u>                      An unallocated acquisition category has been established to permit acquisition of sites based upon opportunities as they arise. The staff reviewed the CIP, the LPRP, and evaluated park acquisition projects to establish the following priorities: Emmitsburg/ Thurmont Area RP/DP; New Market/Spring Ridge Area CP, Green Valley/Monrovia Area CP.</p>	0	Unknn	Unknn	3,409,195.00	3,065,777.00	318,903.00	-
New Market	<p><u>New Market Park Property Acquisition</u>                      The Town of New Market would like to increase its available open space by acquisition of 4.3 Ac lot located on Old National Pike, New Market 21774 that is currently on the market. Acquisition of this lot would be held for future recreation development and would, once completed, serve not only residents of the Town of New Market, but also those living in the entire New Market Region.</p>	0	4.3	4.3	321,809.00	-	321,809.00	-
		<b>Total Acquisition</b>			<b>3,731,004.00</b>	<b>3,065,777.00</b>	<b>640,712.00</b>	<b>-</b>

## Program Open Space Annual Program for Development Fiscal Year 2021

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description	Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Acres	Total	Local	Federal
Frederick County	<p>Found on Project Information Form</p> <p><u>Frederick County Othello Regional Park Development-Phase I</u> Phase I construction includes park entrance, roads &amp; parking, electric utilities, playground, shelters, restrooms, maintenance building, ballfields, landscaping, fencing and miscellaneous site amenities.</p>	214	398,658.00	79,756.00	318,902.00
Brunswick	<p><u>Brunswick East Potomac Street Park Re-Development Phase II</u> This area of East Potomac Street has been the subject of re-development in past years. Located directly across from the City Park Building and playground, the area consisted of an old t-ball field, a court tennis court, and a basketball court prior to 2017. In 2017, a dog park was built at this site. With the FY17 POS grant the City replaced the tennis court fencing, removed the existing deteriorated basketball court, built a new basketball court and installed sidewalks linking all features together. Phase II will consist of: -Add in an ADA compliant handicap ramp -Renovate the existing t-ball field so that the Brunswick Railroader Little League has an additional field for their growing baseball/softball program -Purchase and install bleachers, benches and picnic tables</p>	0.3	50,000.00	12,500.00	37,500.00
Burkittsville	<p><u>Burkittsville Guyton Scenic View Park Roof Replacement</u> Current roof most likely over 50 years old and is starting to show its age. The building is currently being used for storage. Burkittsville is currently working to make Guyton Scenic View Park a year round recreation space.</p>	1.31	8,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00

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			Total	Local	State POS Funds	Federal
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Emmitsburg	<p><u>Emmitsburg Community Park Mini Picnic Pavilions</u></p> <p>Emmitsburg Community Park does not have any small covered picnic areas. For this project, the town would like to hire a contractor to construct two "mini" picnic pavilions in the rear of the park near the existing baseball field, walking trail and newly constructed disc golf course.</p> <p>-One pavillion would be aproximatley 16'x16' in size and feature two 8 foot long picnic tabless (one wheelchair accessible, one regular), one grill, one trash can and one recycling bin.</p> <p>-The other pavillion would be approximatley 12'x12' in size and feature one 8 foot picnic table, one grill, one trash can and one recycling in. Both pavillions would have concrete slabs and a meatal roof to protect picknikers from the elements. The pavillions would be free to use and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. This project is being presued on several requests the town has received from the public.</p>	55	41,000.00	10,250.00	30,750.00	-
Middletown	<p><u>Middletown Remsburg Park-Public Water &amp; Sewer</u></p> <p>Extension of public water &amp; sewer lines to Remsburg Park.</p>	87.9	59,122.00	43,750.00	15,372.00	-
Middletown	<p><u>Middletown Remsburg Park-New Bleachers</u></p> <p>New bleachers for two of the athletic fields</p>	87.9	15,000.00	3,750.00	11,250.00	-
Middletown	<p><u>Middletown Wiles Branch Park Pickle Ball Courts</u></p> <p>New pickle ball courts</p>	17.2	28,350.00	7,087.00	21,263.00	-
Myersville	<p><u>Myersville Harp Park Athletic Field Conversion</u></p> <p>Harp Park is the community park which serves several local neighborhoods as well as a regional draw for recreational sports. The town has used CP&amp;P and POS funds to consttuct a tot lot, pavilion, restrooms and several hardcourts. This project of conversion of the athletic field to softball is the result of a local elementary student who presented her idea through the "If I Were Mayor" contest to the Mayor and Council identifying the absence of a softball field for young athletics interested in the oppertunity of the facilities similar to little league fields provided at another town park. The Mayor and Council determined that conversion and resue of this underutilized field for softball purposes would immediatley elevate the patronage of these other park amenities as a destination space.</p>	2.16	30,000.00	7,500.00	22,500.00	-

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Myersville	<p><u>Myersville Grindstone Run Park Tot Lot</u></p> <p>This project includes installation of a "nature space" playground area. This amenity will serve to tie together the recently installed rustic pavillion with the surrounding natural landscape features of the Grindstone Run waterway and forested areas. This playground is envisioned to include modern constructed playground equipment in single smaller individual play locations through this generally linear park. The idea to retain the natural appeal of this scenic space while still providing the more modern amenities which attract patrons to both visit daily and reserve for special events.</p>	1.83	50,000.00	12,500.00	37,500.00
Thurmont	<p><u>Thurmont Eyer Road Park Multi-Use Building</u></p> <p>The Town of Thurmont is partnering with the Catoclin Youth Association to construct a building at Eyer Road Park that will serve as a multi-functioning facility to include a small concession operation; storage for sports equipment, maintenance equipment and materials; press box area for viewing, filming and coaching. this building will serve two existing rectangular game fields for game day operations. The building will replace several deteriorating sheds where equipment, uniforms and other items are currently stored. The existing sheds are currently subject to leaking and rodent infestation. In addition to the players and participants from the CYA, many other field users will also be able to utilize the building as needed. The building will be an attractive and functional addition to an extremely busy and popular park in Thurmont.</p>	31.87	72,500.00	18,125.00	54,375.00

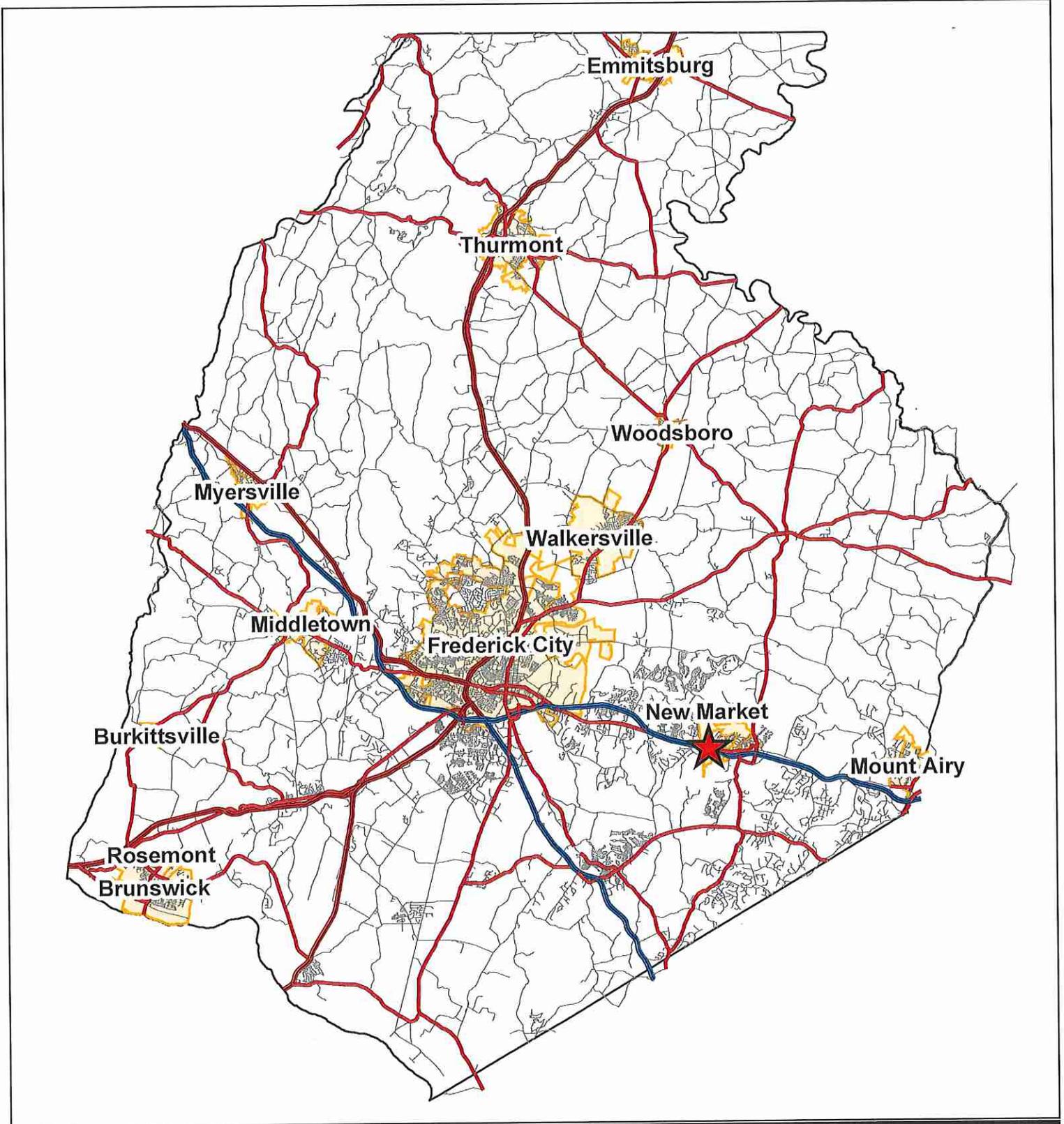
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Thurmont	<p><u>Thurmont East End Park Baseball/Softball Field</u></p> <p>This proposal is to construct an additional regulation sized baseball/softball field at East End Park in Thurmont. During our annual ballfield users' meeting in 2019, field users expressed some concern because of the lack of field availability in Thurmont. Little League baseball, along with all other baseball and softball programs have continued to grow over the past several years and we now have more teams than our existing fields can accommodate. Several of the teams are being forced to find additional fields in other geographical locations. This project would construct the field including fencing, backstops and players' benches on a 5+ acre parcel that the town purchased in 2014, thanks to POS acquisition funding. The site is relatively flat so significant cut and fill will not be necessary. However, stormwater management under the recently revised MS4 regulations will still require us to invest in the implementation of an approved stormwater management facility. An ADA accessible walkway will be installed to provide accessibility to the site. This field will provide an additional recreational opportunity for all baseball &amp; softball organizations, further meeting the needs of our community.</p>	8.6172	74,121.00	58,750.00	15,371.00	-
Thurmont	<p><u>Thurmont Woodland Park Playground Upgrades</u></p> <p>Woodland Park is a neighborhood park within the Gateway subdivision in Thurmont. Amenities in the 2.08 acre park include a basketball/pickleball court, picnicking, an open play area, and a playground area. Some of the equipment in this playground area is over 25 years old and is due for upgrades and replacement. Recent CPSI inspections have identified several components that need replacement. This project will prioritize these components and replace them.</p>	2.08	40,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	-

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Walkersville	<p><u>Walkersville Community &amp; Heritage Farm Park Improvements</u></p> <p>1-Construct a paved path from the parking lot to the new playground equipment and pavilion 3 at Community Park. Presently there is no path to pavilion 3 or the new playground. This would provide better and safe access for citizens. Construct a short paved path from the wooden bridge over Glade Creek to the parking lot. Presently there is a paved path that goes from Parkside housing development to the bridge over the creek, but there is not path on the other side. We would like to complete this walking trail for the safety of our citizens.</p> <p>2-Purchase and install three new benches around the new playground equipment. This would enable people to relax and supervise children while they are playing on the playground equipment.</p> <p>3-Install a new message board at Heritage Farm Park. The message board would display the course and information about the disc golf course to enable players use of the course. It is a well used golf course.</p>		24,362.00	6,091.00	18,271.00
Woodsboro	<p><u>Woodsboro Regional Park Basketball Court Rehabilitation</u></p> <p>The main objective of this project is to fully rehabilitate the only basketball court at Woodsboro Park. The scope of the project involves repairing, resurfacing and correctly relining the basketball court.</p> <p>The residents of Woodsboro have enjoyed playing at the parks basketball court for decades. The current state of the basketball court poses potential danger to those who utilize it. The many children, teenagers, adults and families in Woodsboro who frequent the park are unable to fully enjoy the court due to its present condition. As this is the only basketball court in the park, it is of the utmost convenience to have a safe and updated court for residents to frequent while also using the other recreational attractions the park has to offer. Rehabilitating the court will provide continued use by the town residents for many years to come in a safe manner.</p>	102	25,000.00	6,250.00	18,750.00
		<b>Total Development:</b>	<b>916,113.00</b>	<b>278,309.00</b>	<b>637,804.00</b>
		Total Acquisition & Development:	4,647,117.00	3,344,086.00	1,278,516.00

# Acquisition Projects



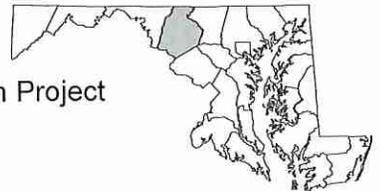
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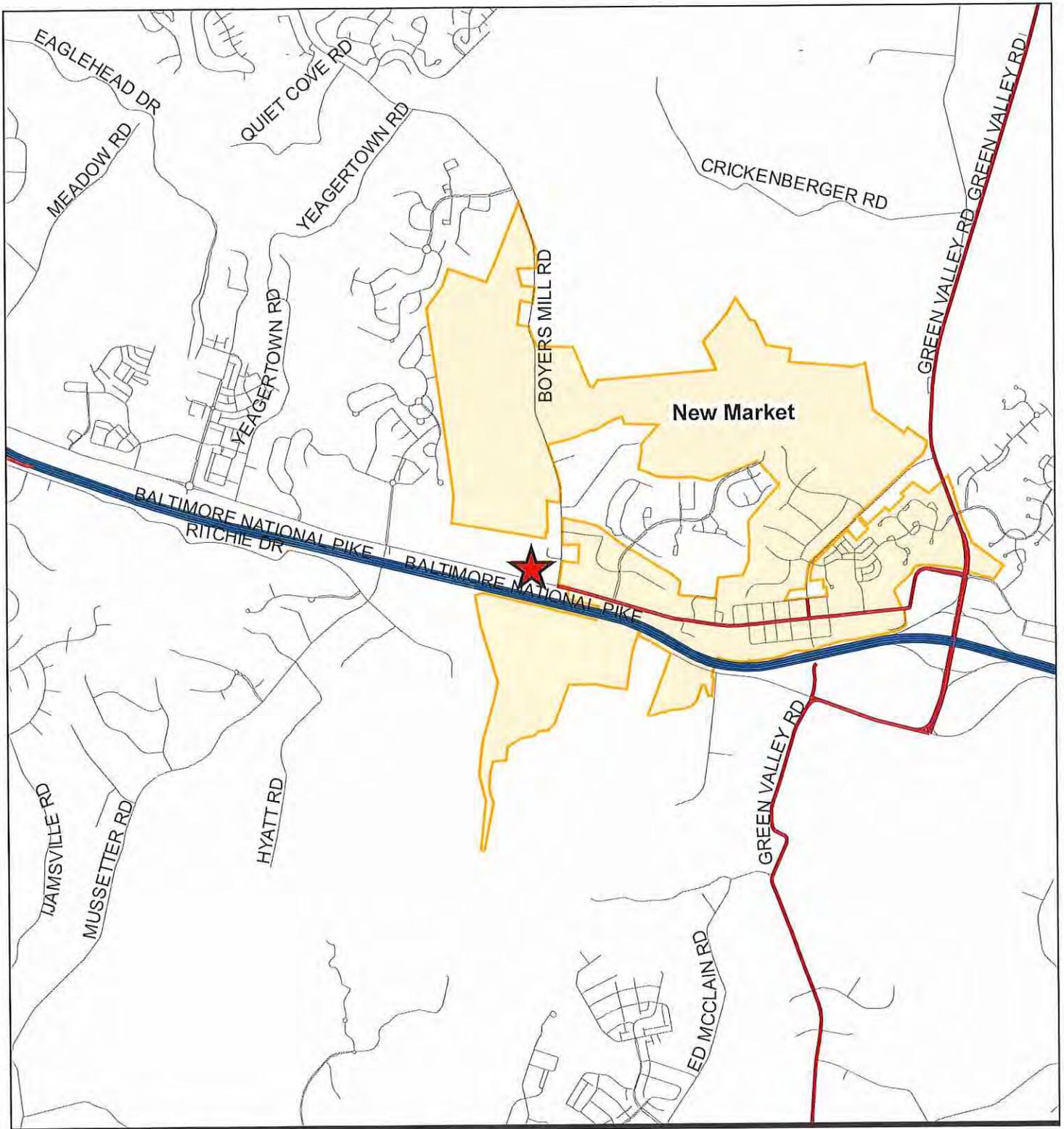


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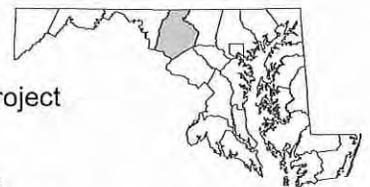
# New Market Park Property

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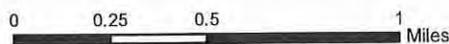
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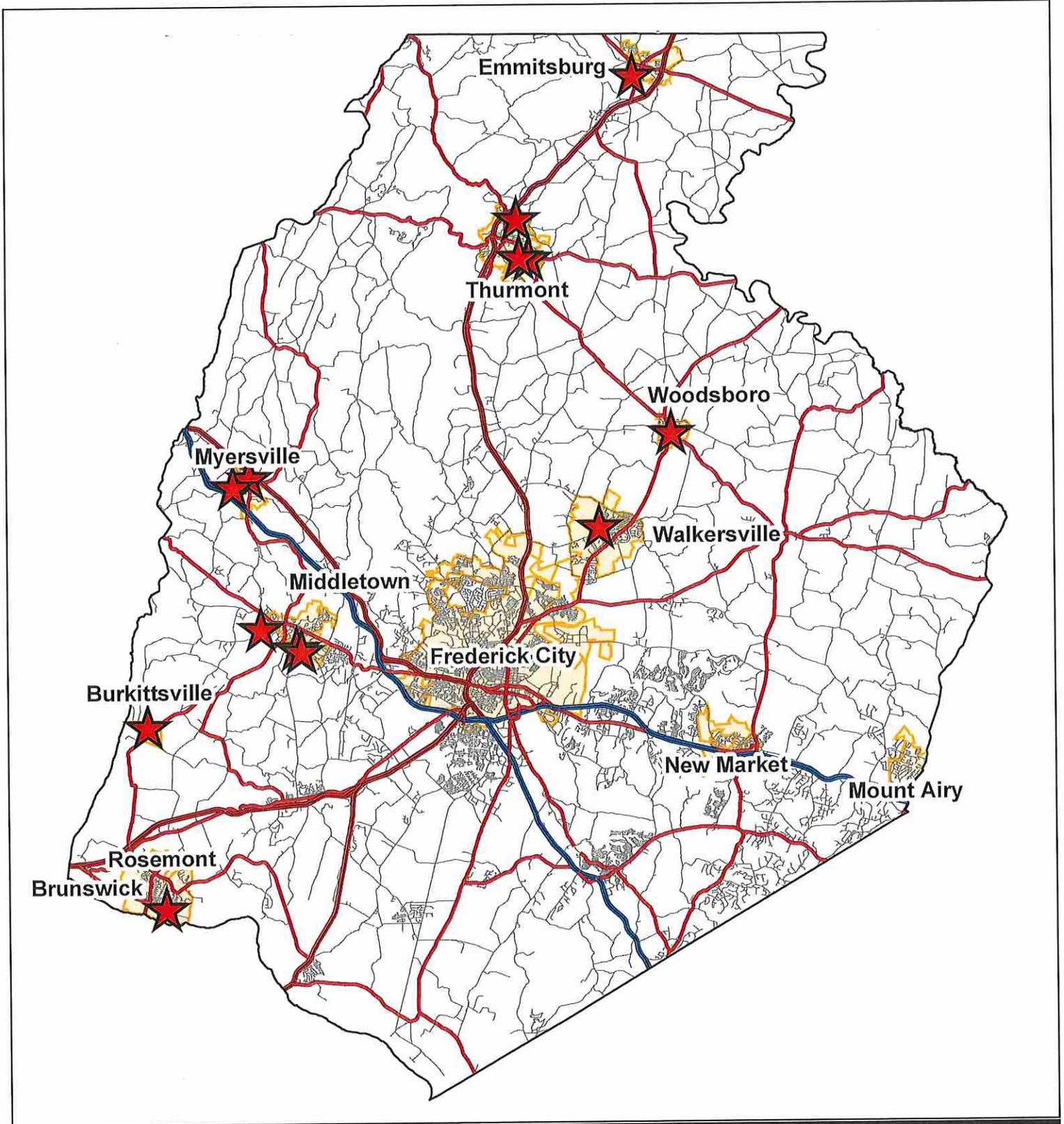


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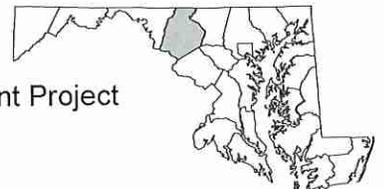
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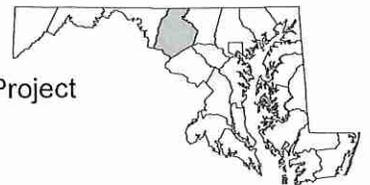
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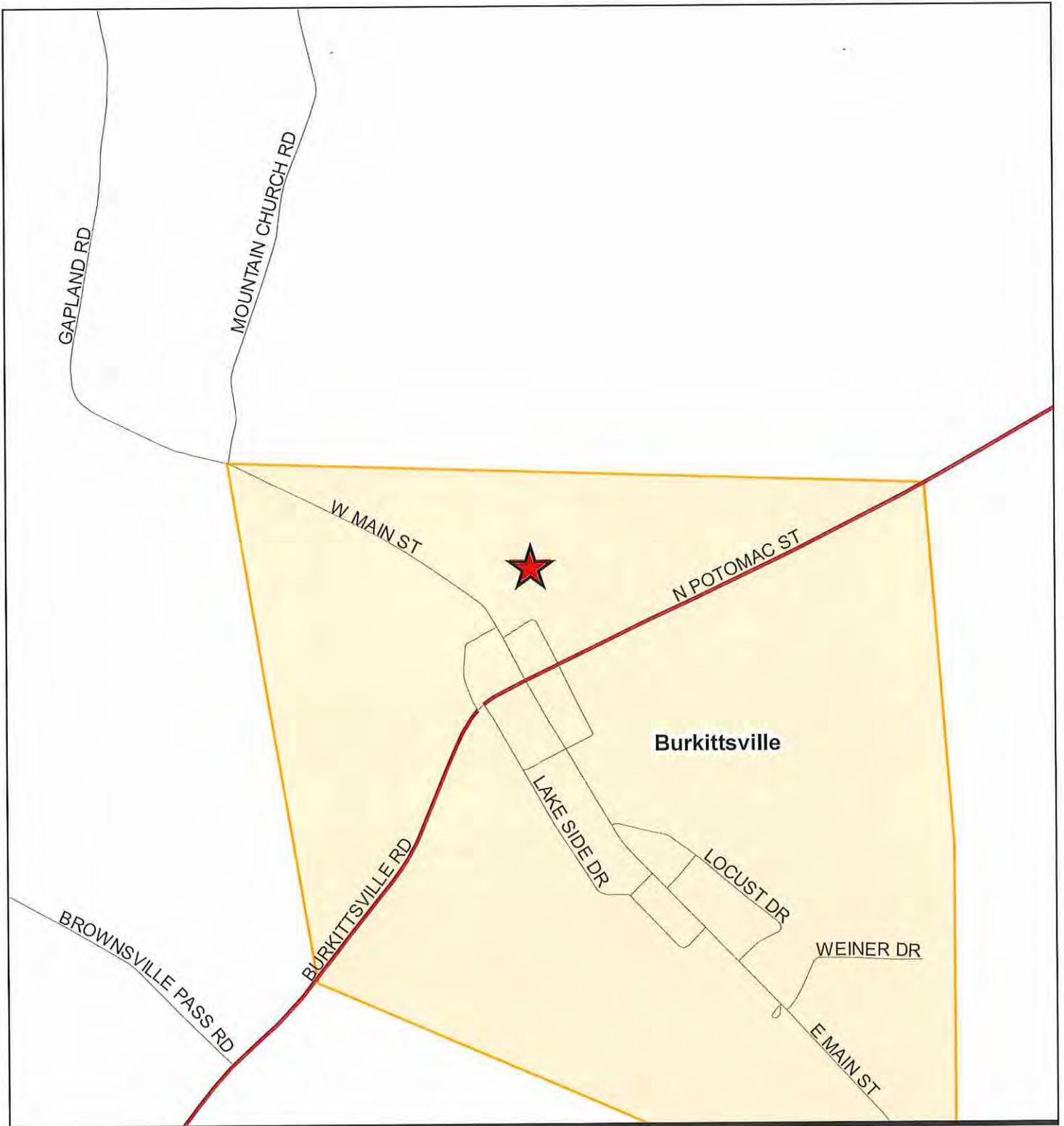


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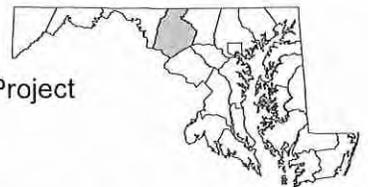
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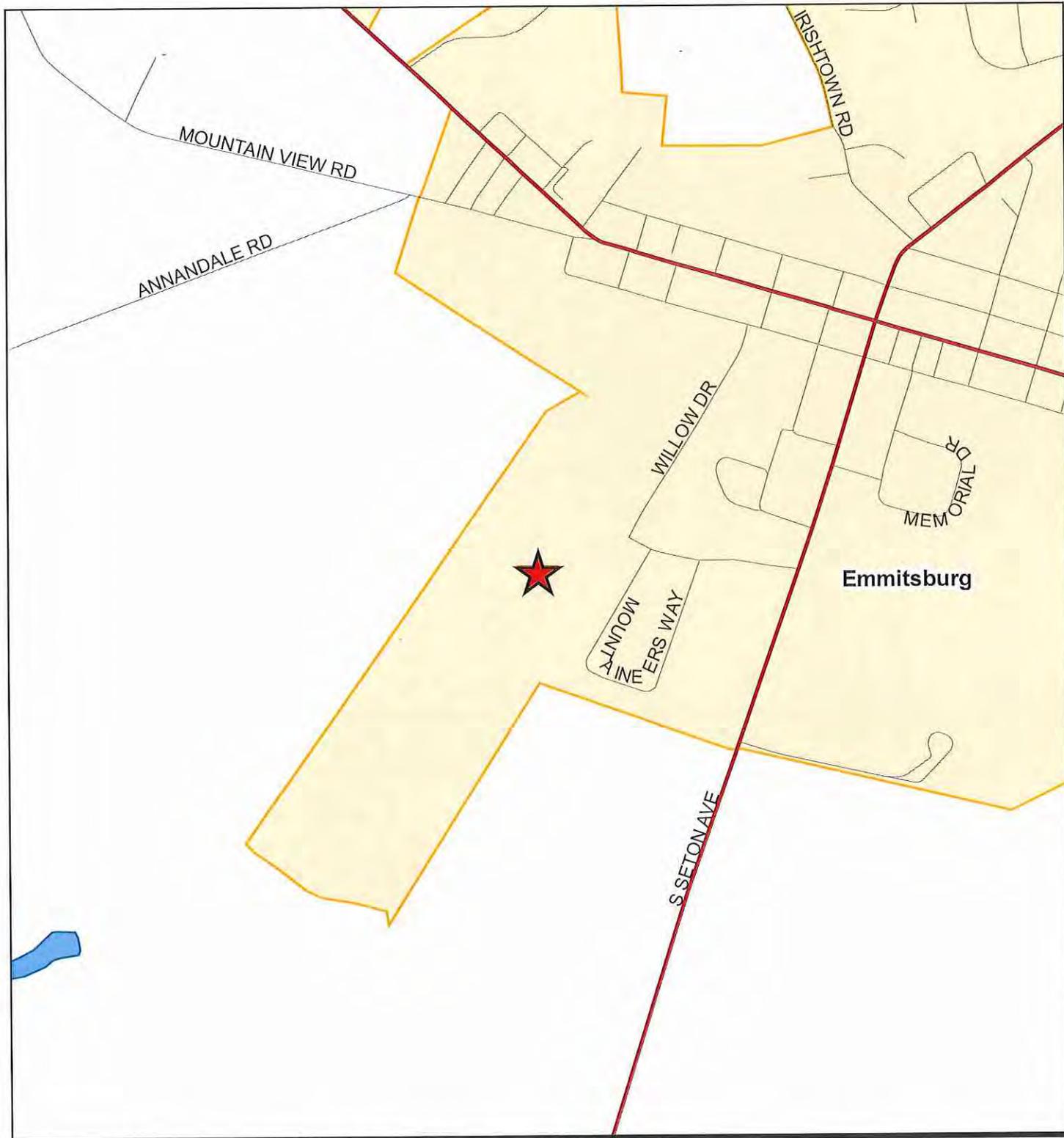


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# Emmitsburg Community Park Mini Picnic Pavilions

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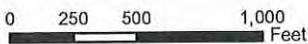
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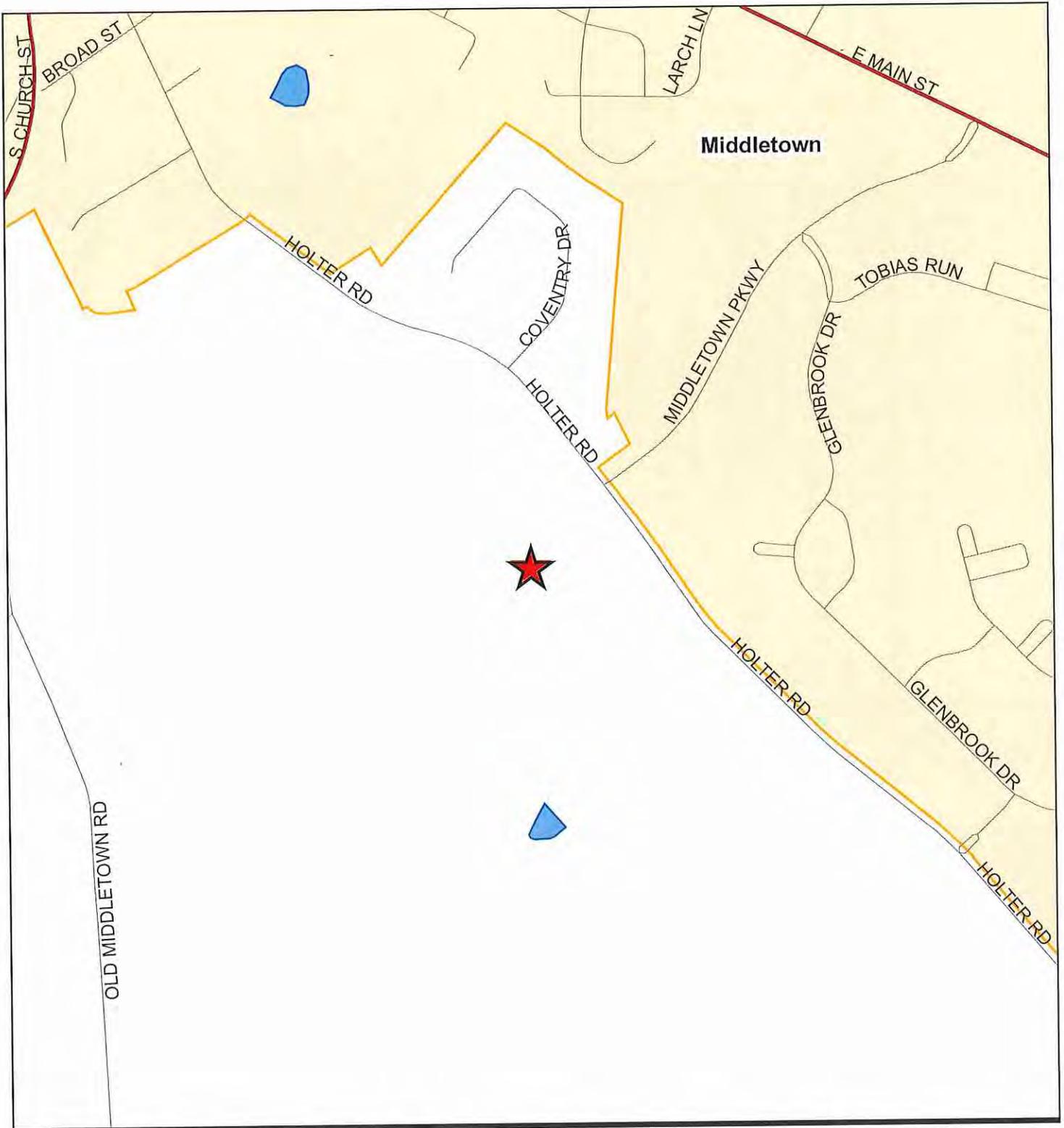
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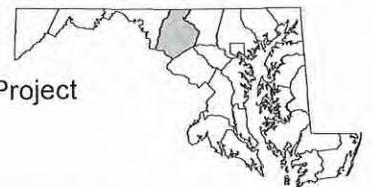
# Middletown Remsberg Park - Public Water & Sewer

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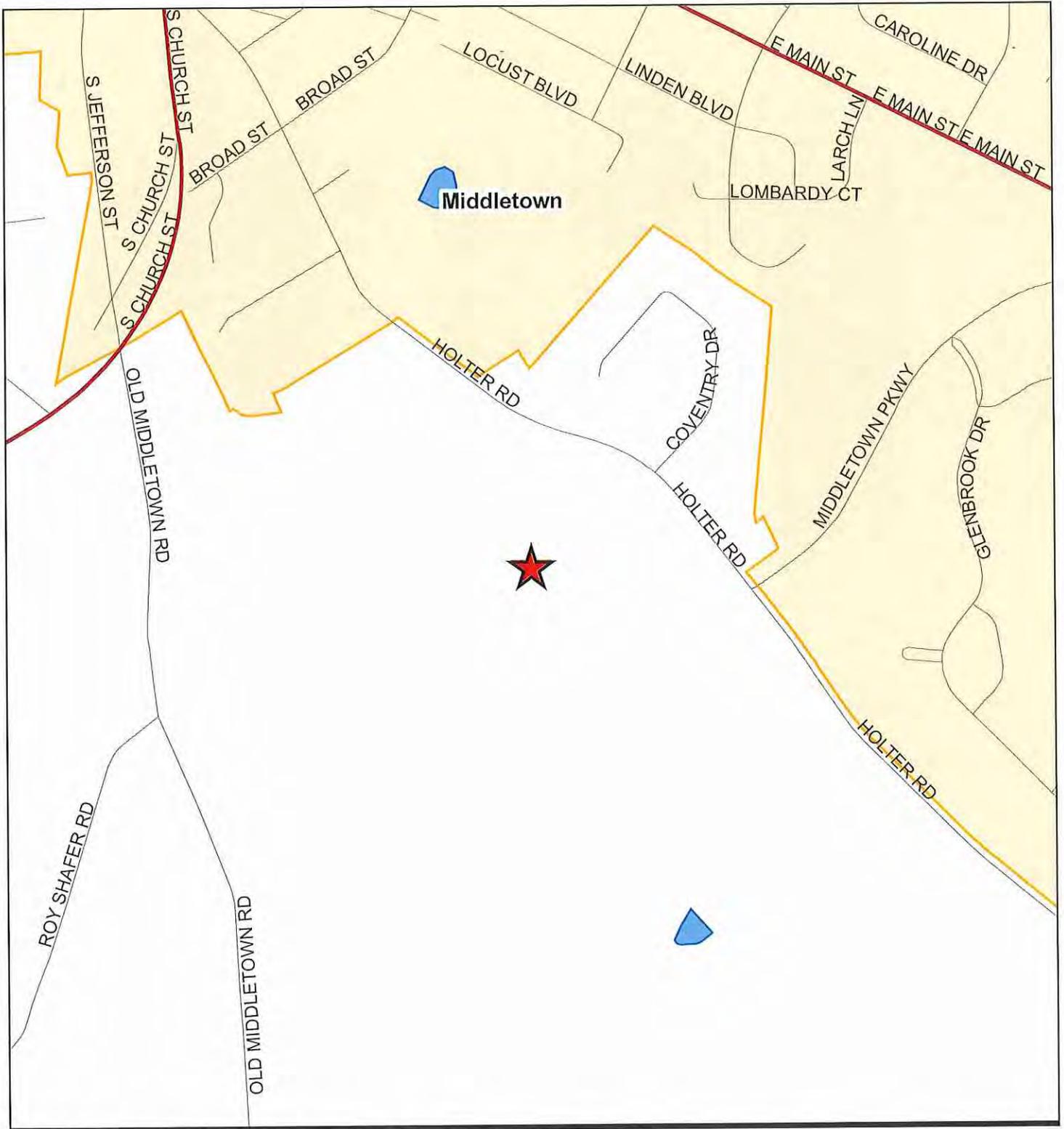
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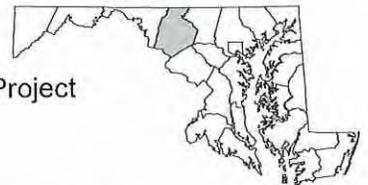
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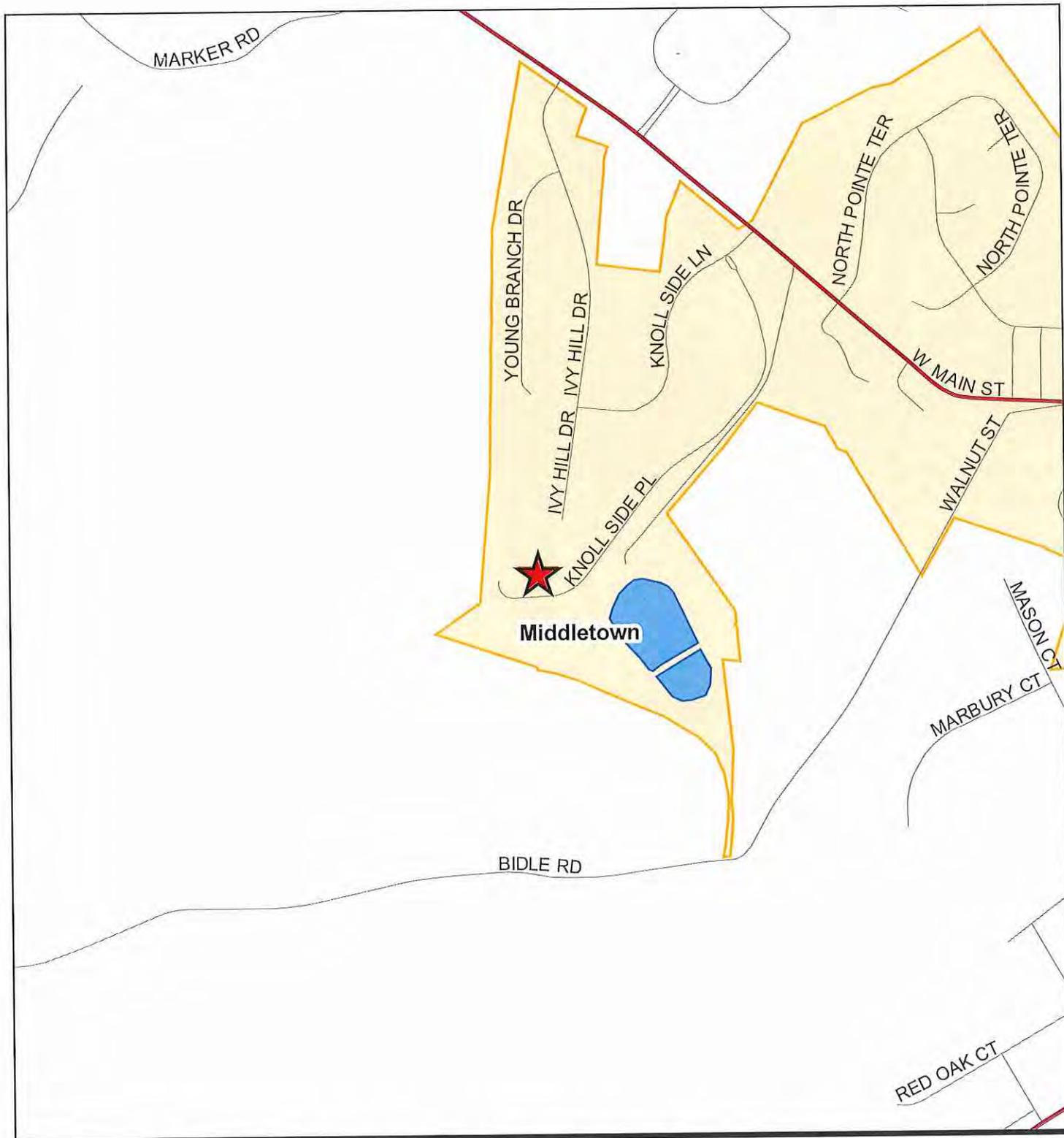


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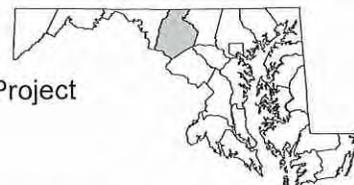
# Middletown Wiles Branch Park - Pickle Ball Courts

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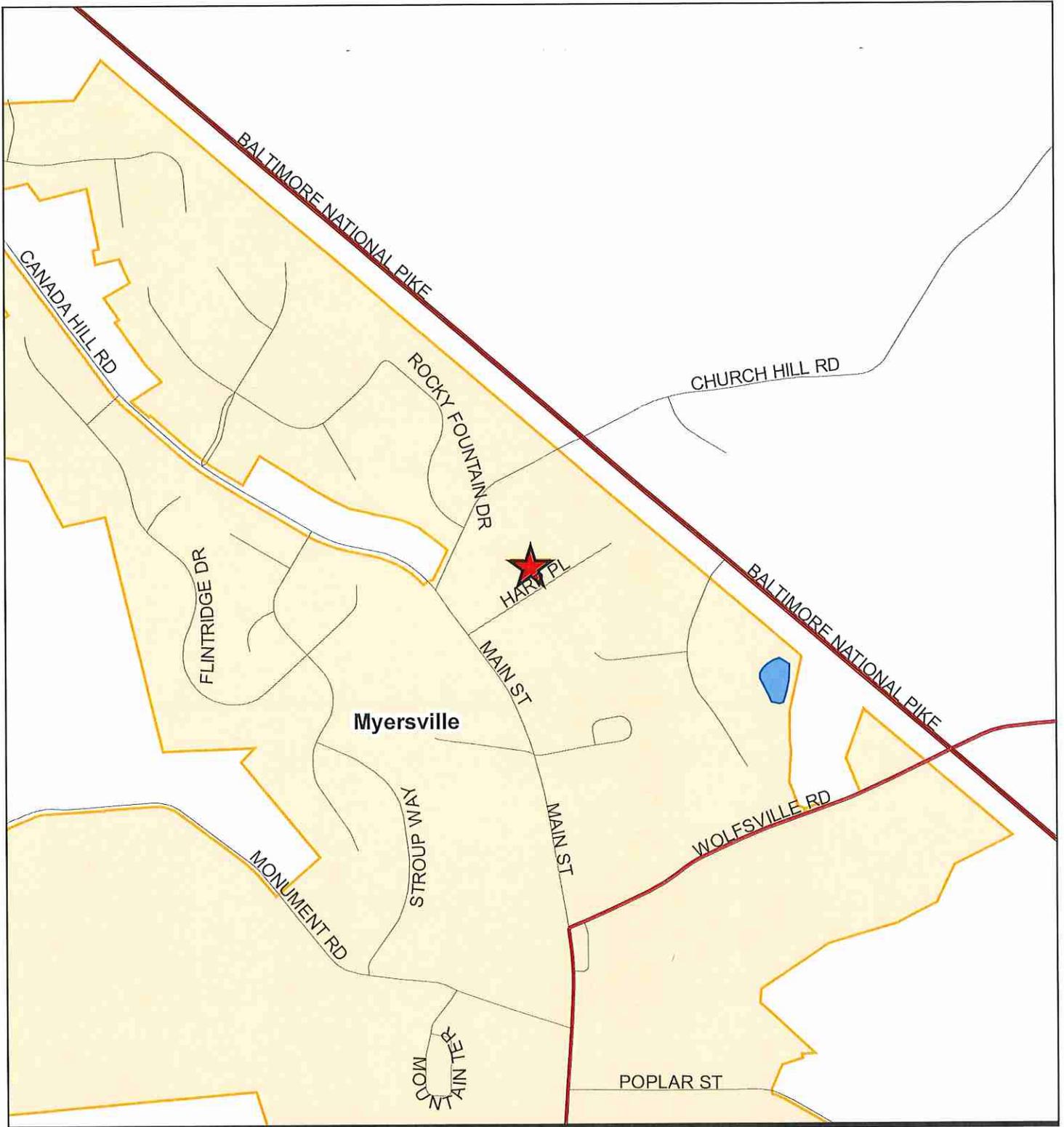


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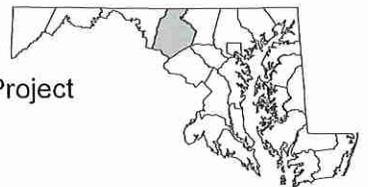
# Myersville Harp Park Athletic Field Conversion

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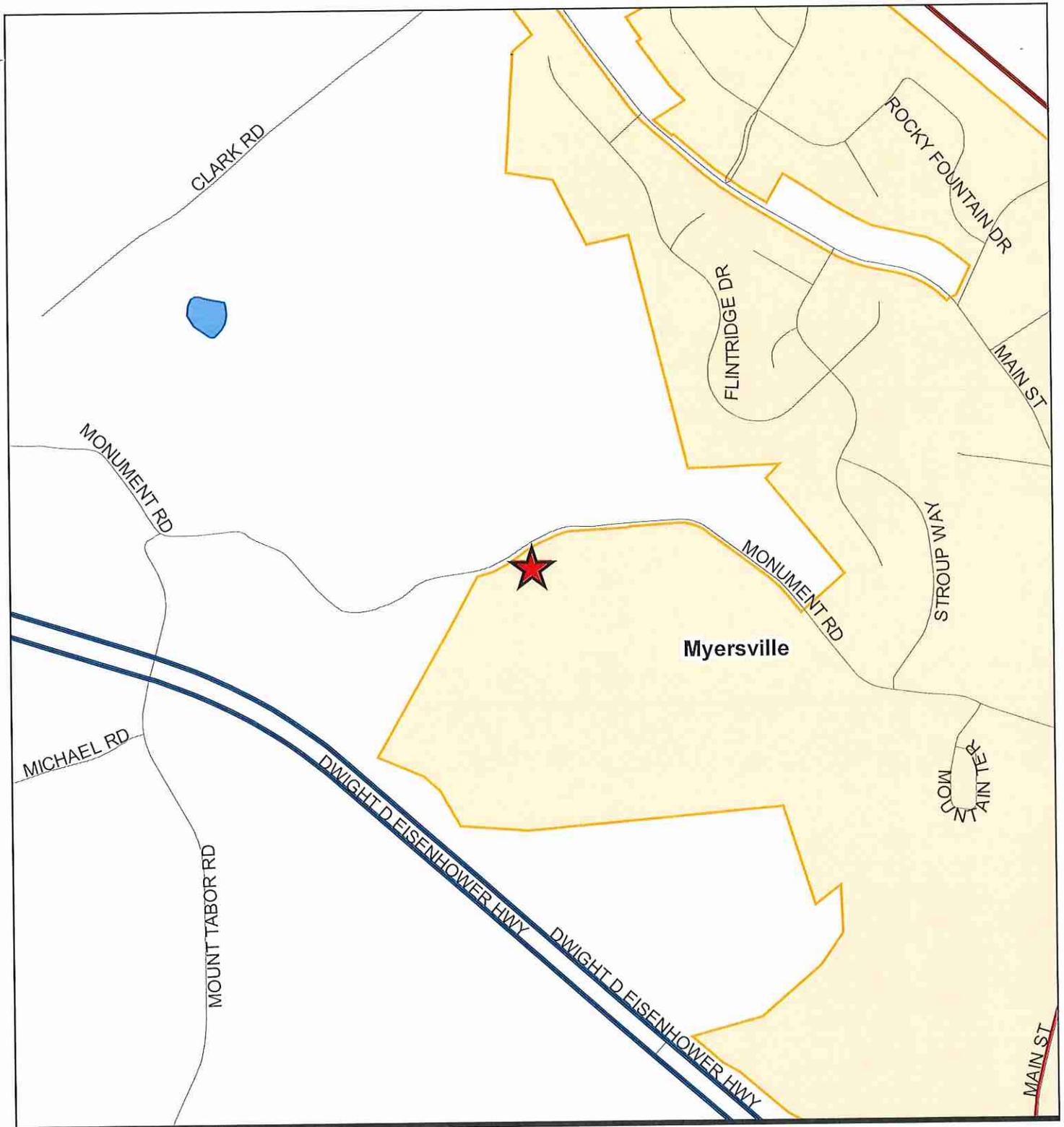


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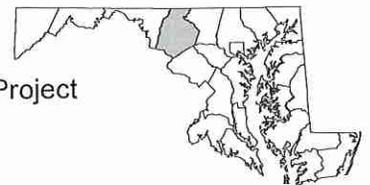
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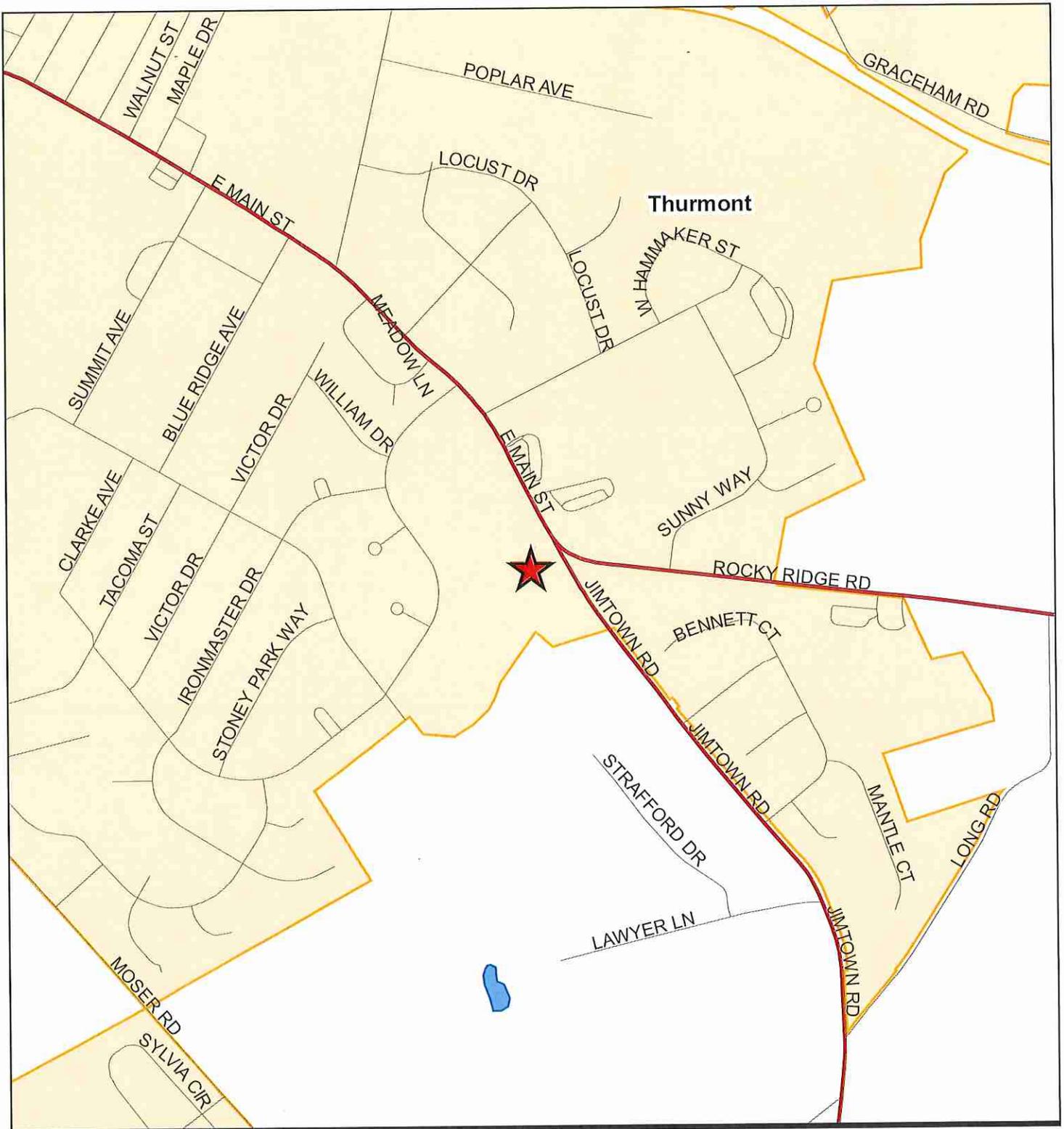


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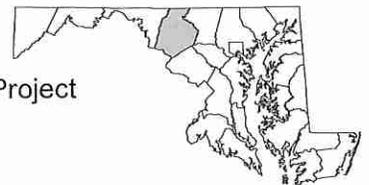
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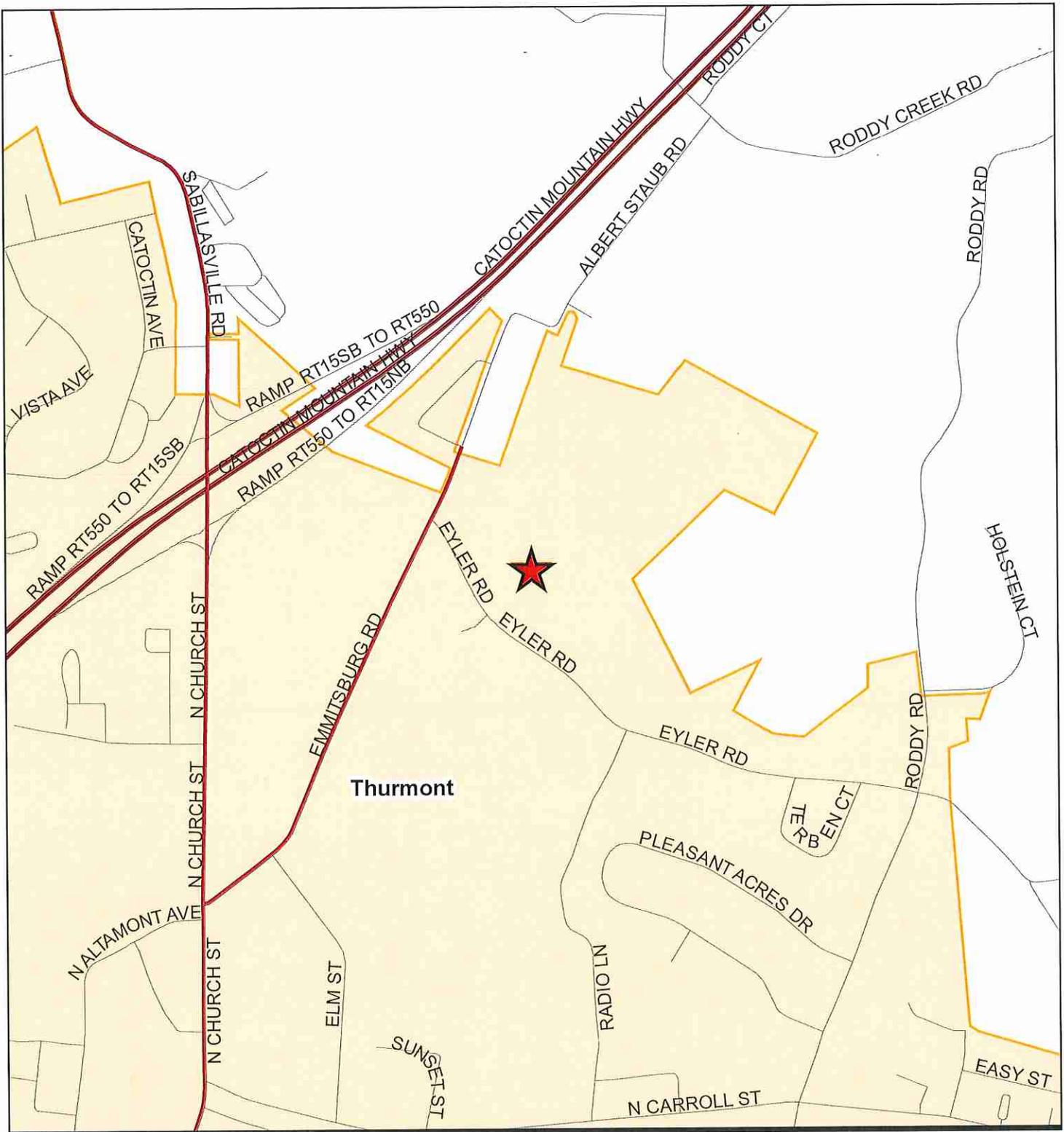


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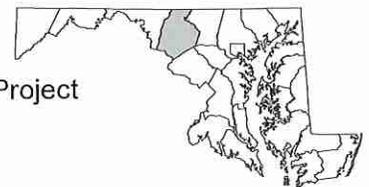
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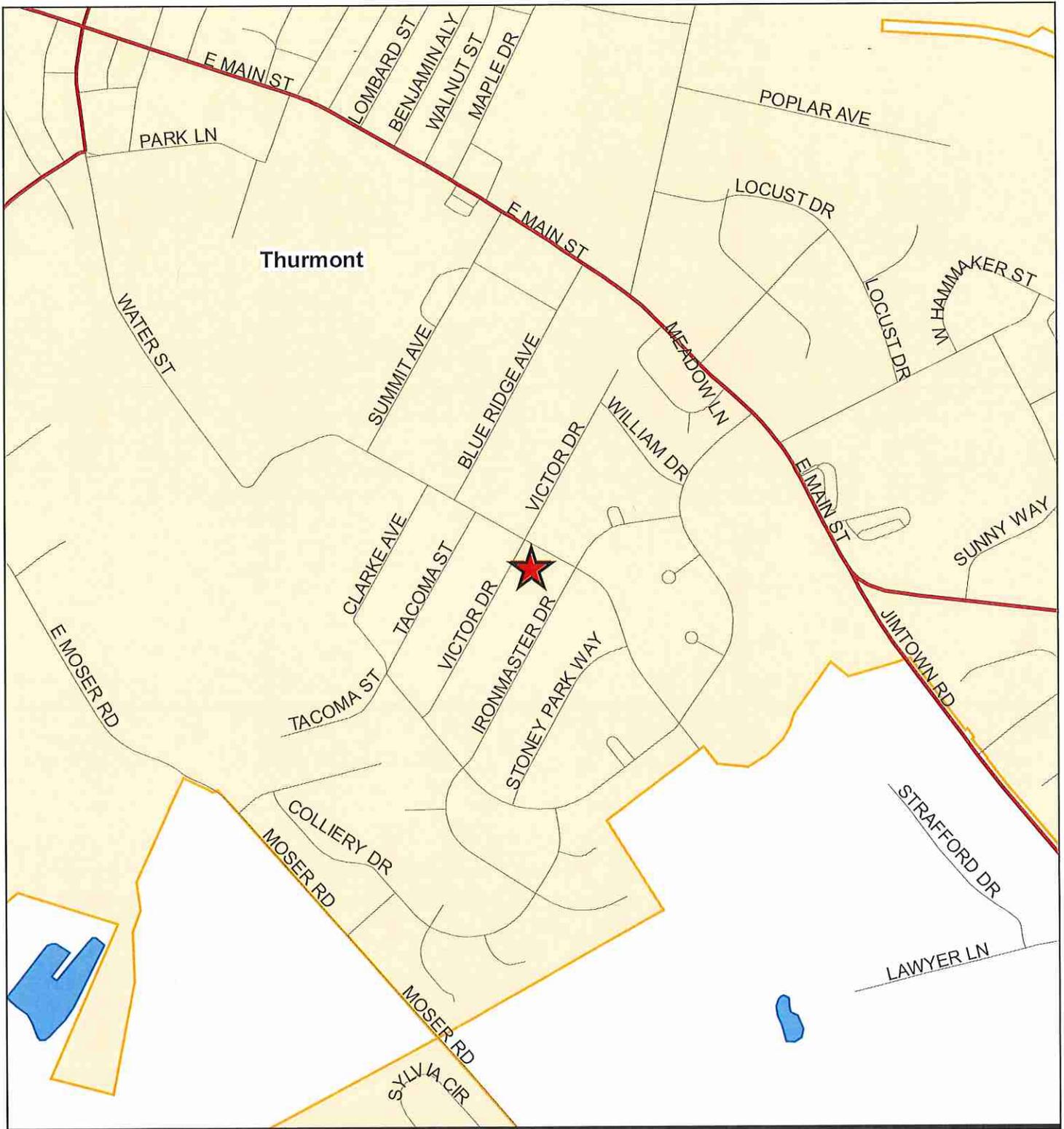


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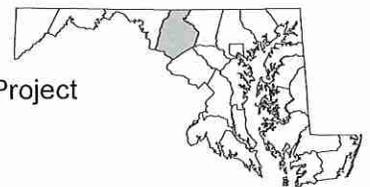
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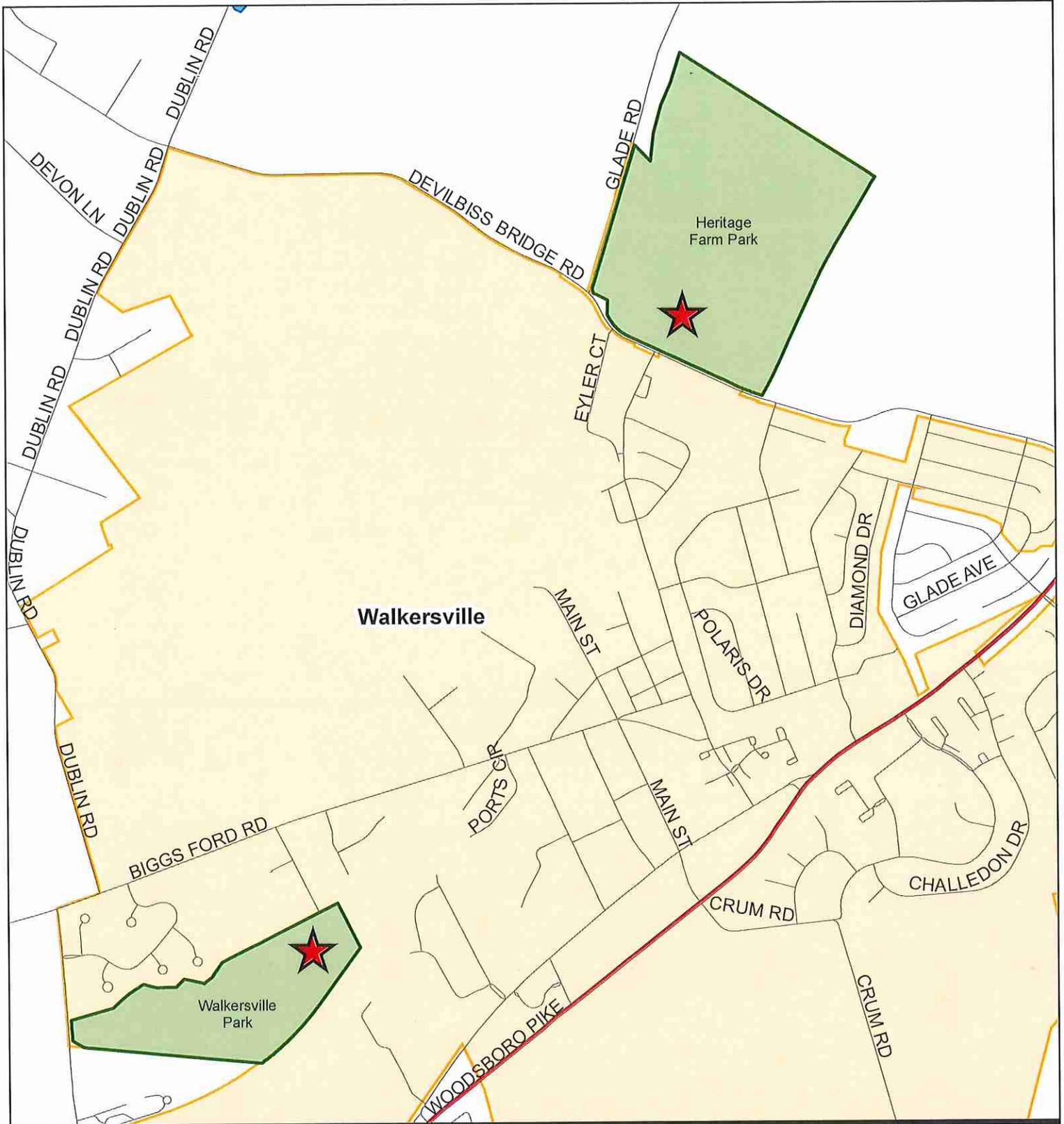
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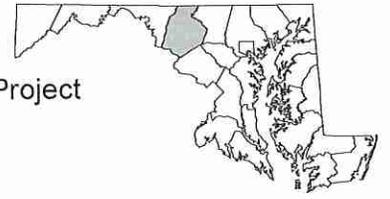
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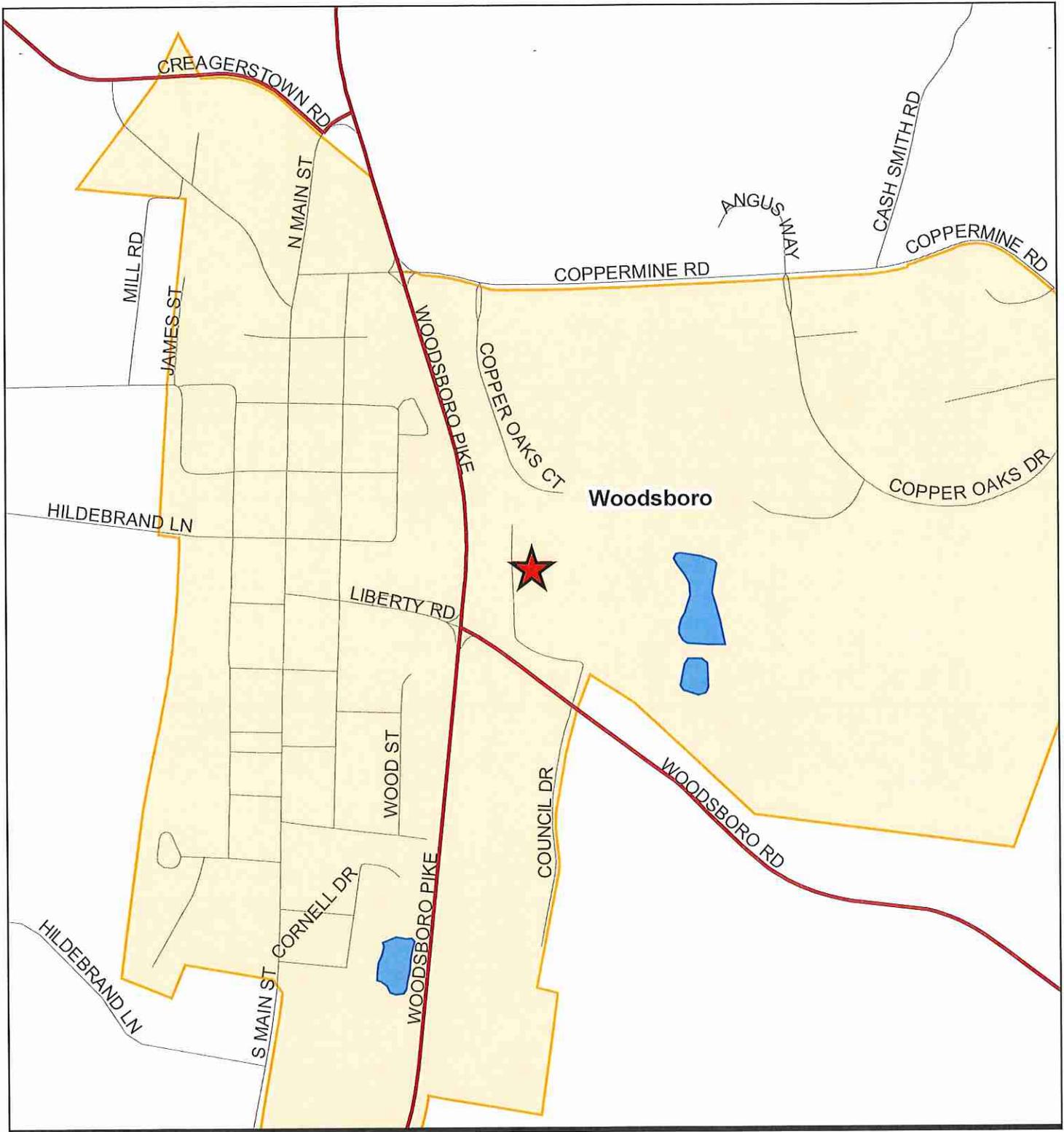
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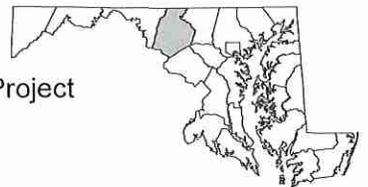
# Woodsboro Regional Park Basketball Court Rehab.

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August 20, 2020

Margaret Lashar, Program Administrator  
DNR- Land Acquisition & Planning  
Tawes State Office Building, E-4  
580 Taylor Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Frederick County FY2021 POS Annual Program Amendment

Dear Margaret:

Please amend Frederick County's FY2021 POS Annual Program to allow the use of funding allocation in the FY2019 Annual Program, for the Town of Myersville's Young Property Acquisition Project, to be applied for during this fiscal year.

Total POS request for this project will be \$87,000.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

FREDERICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

Bob Hicks, CPRP  
Deputy Director

cc: Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager - Town of Myersville



# FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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September 11, 2020

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Re: Frederick County FY2021 POS Annual Program Amendment

Dear Margaret:

Please amend Frederick County's FY2021 POS Annual Program to use remaining funding, in the amount of \$59,414, reverted from the Thurmont Trolley Trail Paving Project (POS#6364-10-375). The Town of Thurmont is requesting to apply \$59,375 towards three new projects. Their individual scopes and funding amounts are as follows:

Thurmont Ice Plant Park Playground Upgrades (POS Funding \$9,975) – This project is to replace several pieces of play equipment that were removed from the playground area at Ice Plant Park in Thurmont. Items were removed in response to recent CPSI inspections that identified the items as non-compliant. Ice Plant Park is a .47 acre neighborhood park located near the center of town and adjacent to the Thurmont Trolley Trail. The park is utilized by neighboring residents, as well as day care providers and the FUSE Teen Center. Recent POS funding allowed the installation of a new basketball/pickleball court which has increased park visitation and introduced new park users to the site. Replacement items will include a small climbing structure and a 4-seat see-saw. The project will also include new surfacing material and new borders

Thurmont Trolley Trail Extension Paving (POS Funding \$27,000) – The recent acquisition of the 10.09 acre parcel allows the Town of Thurmont to continue with the extension of the extremely popular Thurmont Trolley Trail. This component of the overall extension project is to install approximately 350' of ADA accessible paved 8' wide trail connecting to the existing Thurmont Trolley Trail. The Town of Thurmont is working with Frederick County in the future planning to extend this trail into the county, eventually connecting to the Catoctin Furnace and possible sites to the south from there. This section is the first phase in making the connection to the county. The town is partnering with the H&F Trolley Trail Association to make the future connections a reality.

Thurmont Eyler Road Park Exercise Trail – Phase I (POS Funding \$22,400) – This project is to construct an 8' wide gravel exercise trail at Eyler Road Park. The proposed loop trail is approximately 2,700 feet long and will traverse the perimeter of the front section of the park. This project is considered Phase 1 and will consist of the grading and installation of a hard packed gravel trail, with asphalt planned for the next phase. The gravel trail will be accessible for walking, biking, jogging, and will provide a surfacing suitable for baby strollers and wheel chairs. This project has been requested for several years by residents, visitors, and local sports organizations. The Thurmont Parks and Recreation Commission, along with the Thurmont Board of Commissioners identified this project as one of their priorities moving forward. Eyler Road Park is a recreational park with several soccer fields and football/lacrosse fields. These fields are used by many sports

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*organizations but especially by the Catoctin Youth Association (CYA). In addition to a great amenity for the public to use, this new trail will also be available for the CYA track and cross country teams to use for practices and meets, creating a "home field" for all of the CYA teams. Many residents who live near Eyler Road Park currently utilize the existing exercise trail at Thurmont Community Park. This will allow them the opportunity to stay close to home and enjoy the same amenities.*

The Town of Thurmont's project priorities have changed since the Annual Program was submitted in July 2020. The remaining \$39 will remain unencumbered until such time the Town of Thurmont applies this funding towards a future POS project.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

FREDERICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION



Bob Hicks, CPRP  
Deputy Director

cc: Jim Humerick, Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Thurmont  
Kimberly Taylor, Fiscal Specialist - Frederick County Parks and Recreation